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Thanks for this opportunity to comment. This concerns both the argument that Microsoft is wrong to include various additional programs with operating systems, and that including the Internet Explorer browser specifically is wrong.

1) Many vendors very succesfully sell software similar to that included by MS - Adobe and Macromedia for graphics, for example Photoshop. These vendors would be out of luck without Windows for their programs to run on.

2) The Netscape browser is and has been for years free to download. How their logic works - they can give their browser away, but Microsoft can't - makes no sense.

3) Microsoft has been successful due to its own hard work. If the judges really want to understand this, let them try writing a few programs themselves. This is not meant to be disrespectful, rather to provide insight.

4)Including various software items with an operating system is like including an automatic transmission, a heater, and a radio with a car.

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